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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 403X); BNSF Railway Company --Abandonment
Exemption-- in Sedgwick County, KS**

Dear Secretary Williams:

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F--Exempt Abandonments to abandon 16.91 miles of lines of railroad between milepost 494.22 and milepost 505.20 in and near Wichita, KS, and from milepost 515.23 to milepost 509.30 between Wichita and Valley Center, in Sedgwick County, KS. Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on March 24, 2003 (68 FR 14272). The exemption became effective on April 23, 2003.

By decision served on December 30, 2004, the Board granted BNSF's request for an extension of time to file a notice of consummation until December 31, 2005. Subsequently, by decision served May 10, 2005, the Board granted the necessary authority to BNSF and the City of Wichita to implement their March 24, 2005 agreement for interim trail use/rail banking for that portion of the right-of-way from milepost 494.22 to milepost 504.05. The present extension relates to those portions of the lines not rail banked.

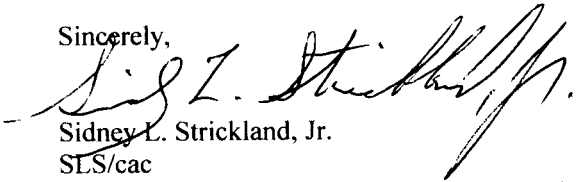
Winter weather conditions have hampered salvage activities. Accordingly, BNSF requests an extension of the consummation deadline until July 1, 2006.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 295-4024.

Sincerely,


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